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SUBJ: BREZHNEV'S TAVEL TO CUBA

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1. IT IS SURPRISING THAT BREZHNEV, WHOSE DECEMBER-JANUARY VISIT TO CUBA WAS ANNOUNCED LAST JULY, SHOULD CHOOSE TO VISIT CUBA NOW. TRIP COMES AT RELATIVELY AWKWARD TIME, WITH ME SITUATION STILL TENSE. FACT THAT BREZHNEV APPARENTLY PLANS TO LEAVE MOSCOW OCTOBER 25-- DAY HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES --- INDICATES THAT TRIP IS PROBABLY A SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT AFFIAR. WE ALSO NOTE THAT HAILE SELASSIE DUE TO ARRIVE IN USSR OCTOBER 29.

2. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY PRESSING BILATERAL MATTER WHICH WOULD CALL FOR A SUMMIT VISIT AT THIS TIME.
PROBABLY CASTRO NEEDS SOME CODDLING FOLLOWING ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL U.S. SOVIET MEETING. PERHAPS ALLENDE'S FALL HAS OCCASIONED A NEED FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON APPROACHES IN LA. OR PERHAPS THERE MAY BE AN INTERNAL CUBAN REASON OF WHICH WE ARE IGNORANT.
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3. FRANKLY , NONE OF THESE FACTORS WOULD SEEM A
COMPELLING REASON FOR BREZHNEV VISIT AT THIS TIME. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT
HAVE WHICH WOULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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